

# Animals vs. Humans

The recent killing of Cecil the lion by an American trophy hunter in Zimbabwe has renewed the debate on what we should—and shouldn't—do to preserve Africa's wildlife

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A lion in Nairobi National Park, on the outskirts of Kenya's capital, in August

In July, hunters lured a 13-year-old lion named Cecil from a protected area in a national park in Zimbabwe. A dentist from Minnesota—who had paid more than \$50,000 for the chance to kill an African lion—wounded Cecil with a crossbow. He then reportedly tracked the lion for nearly two days before fatally shooting him with a rifle.

The killing of Cecil, who was a local tourist attraction and had been studied by scientists since 2008, caused an uproar on social media and sparked outrage around the world. It also renewed



Trophy hunter Walter Palmer (left) with another lion he killed, in an undated photo

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